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E. H. PRATHER

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## SPECIAL Announcement

We wish to announce that we are now in a position to offer to our friends and customers at best prices possible Dry Goods and Notions, Hosiery, Underwear, Dress Shirts, Work Shirts, Overalls and Work Gloves, etc., Groceries, Flour and Feed. We are closing out our present line of Shoes at a reduction.

PAY BEST PRICES FOR COUNTRY PRODUCE

Good Roasted Coffee at 25c per pound while it lasts—not over 4 lbs to one person

Your patronage is respectfully solicited

### PRATHER & ROBINSON

SELMER

TENNESSEE

#### NOTICE OF SALE.

I have sold to O. S. Abernathy the Independent plant, to W. K. Abernathy the Independent building and the paper will continue to be published at the old stand.

I am alone interested in the balance due me to November 17, 1919.

In relinquishing all interest in the Independent, we desire to return our thanks to our old subscribers, and commend a continuance of patronage to the new owner.

Mr. Abernathy has the ability and push to put the paper on a higher plane than heretofore.

Respectfully,  
J. W. PURVIANCE.

#### Pay Up and Vote

To vote in the Bond Issue for good roads it is absolutely necessary to have 1919 poll tax receipt, dated on or before February 20, 1920.

#### Good News

Joe Floyd received a letter from his friend J. H. Richardson last week. He is head salesman in the men's ready-to-wear department of a large department store in Florida.

Mr. Richardson went to Florida on account of the failing health of his wife and little daughter Bernice. Both are improving rapidly.

## Car of MIXED CLOVER HAY

I have just received a car load of Mixed Clover Hay which is number one quality. I can sell you any quantity if you come in and get it now. This hay will be sold to you at the prevailing market price :

Call on me at Selmer

H. O. CAROTHERS

#### Ramer News

Miss Vera Cardwell has returned from a visit with relatives at Corinth.

J. A. Houston, of Selmer, was here Monday.

E. W. Mitchell, of Corinth, was a business visitor here one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Reeder and little sons, of Falcon, spent Saturday and Sunday in the home of J. C. Reeder.

W. W. Wallace, of Selmer, made a professional visit here Monday. Con Wardlow and family, of Corinth, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Fowlkes Sunday.

J. R. Olive and family visited his parents near Chewalla the latter part of last week.

Mrs. I. A. Hill was the guest of Corinth relatives Thursday and Friday.

Allen McCov, of Gravelhill, visited here recently.

A. E. Lawson made a business trip to Jackson Tuesday.

Mrs. H. P. Dancer has been quite sick for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ballard have returned to their home in Springfield, Ill.

Irmie Huggins, wife, and little daughter, Lillian Dale, of Paint Rock, Texas, were visiting relatives here last week.

Mrs. Maude Bell, of Adamsville, was here Saturday in the interest of W. C. T. U. work.

W. P. McMahan, Tillman Lawson, and Lo Petree and wife left Sunday for Memphis to attend a meeting of the Delco Light employees, where a banquet and other social features will be enjoyed.

Joe H. Holmes, of Lexington, Tenn., was here the first of the week on business connected with the unloading of the dredge which will be used in cutting the Cypress drainage canal. The machinery was unloaded three miles north of here where work will begin at once. This canal will be about twelve miles long and drain some of the finest farming lands in McNairy county.

Misses Helen Leonard, Emma Booker Rather, and Ona Sweat, of Corinth, were guests of Miss Mattie Robinson Sunday.

J. F. Hurley, of Chewalla, spent Monday night in the home of J. R. Hamm.

Albert Seigrist, of Corinth, was a visitor here Sunday.

Misses Estelle Allen and Julia Weaver were week-end guests of the former's mother at Henderson.

Mrs. E. S. Robinson made a visit to Corinth Monday.

J. R. McCoy and D. Hogan, of Gravelhill, were selling cotton here one day last week.

J. H. Lide, of Corinth, and Fred Emmons, of Selmer, were here this week selling groceries to our merchants.

Lain Fitzgerald, of Humboldt, was here Sunday, the guest of friends.

William McCullar and Misses Audrey McCullar and Melissa Alexander of Selmer, visited the family of C. L. McCullar Saturday and Sunday.

Albert Turner, of Chewalla, spent Monday and Tuesday with relatives here.

#### Ramer High School Items

The senior class was organized in December. Eugene Hamm was elected President and Ila McAlpin Secretary.

Mattie Robinson of the senior class holds the highest general average in the High School Department.

Wendell Carman, forward on the basketball team, has been out of school the past two weeks on account of illness.

The local basketball team was defeated by the Tishomingo five on the Corinth court last Friday, Jan. 16. The score was 41 to 10.

Otis Teague took Wendell Carman's place as forward in the Tishomingo game last Friday.

Odie Teague, a youngster of the 2nd team is a promising contender for a place on the 1st team. Miss Weaver spent the week-end in Henderson as the guest of Miss Allen.

#### Selmer High School Notes

Never in the annals of the Selmer High School have there been as many pupils as there are at the present session, there being two hundred fifty-eight pupils enrolled, and new pupils are coming in every week, among them being Emmet Moore from near Stantonville.

Our society met recently and a good program was rendered by the high school department.

Miss Audrey McCullar is back with us after being absent several days on account of an accident.

Prof. Robinson, our principal, in company with County Superintendent Terry Abernathy, attended the State Teachers' Association at Nashville last week.

Our athletes are playing good basketball, but not as good as they should. Bethel defeated Selmer recently in a warm game.

The first half of our school term has passed and with it some of the best and most enjoyable work that was ever accomplished by pupils attending. The prospects for the next four months are still more promising than the past, for we realize that final examinations are not far in the future.

A. G. W.

#### From the Bloody Eighth

As I never see anything in the Independent from this part of the country, I will give you a few of the happenings.

Frank Beard, ex-county surveyor, is right sick at present.

J. E. Floyd, son of Esq. F. J. Floyd, died in Kansas City recently where he had gone to learn the automobile trade.

Tom Barham, who has been in Texas for three months, has returned home.

M. C. Patterson has moved to the Bill Malone farm which he recently purchased.

Miss Parlee Barham is teaching a splendid school at Lain's.

It is said the early bird catches the worm. Wonder if it will be the case with Bob Plunk and Bliss Harris, who have already begun plowing.

John Barton, farmer and merchant of the 8th, is in Memphis this week.

G. I. Cook has been suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism all winter.

Harmon Hodges, our county surveyor, is being kept very busy as he is not seen around Finger since his election.

#### From Gravelhill

Sorry that our town cannot be represented every week in the Independent, but the writer has been working out of the neighborhood and will be for another week, and his boss wont let him stop long enough to find out the news. He likes his boss alright, and the people where he's worked have co-operated with him and made it as pleasant as possible, but after the second thought, too late though, it's a job he wasn't looking for, and ten years hence, the job will be waiting for another man.

Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Huggins of Texas are visiting friends and relatives in this neighborhood, and with J. A. Olive and family, Mrs. W. O. Armstrong and others visited J. B. Huggins Sunday.

A mob shot into the residence of a colored man named Ray one night last week. He had recently moved on to the farm of W. O. Armstrong. He has moved again.

We are not able to give much news, but will state that the health of our community is good. After we have finished our work away from home, we will give a few items more often, and may describe the southern part of the county, which covers more territory than we even imagined.

#### Stump Puller Wanted

I want to buy a good second-hand stump puller if the price is right. Phone or write, J. S. BROWN, R. 1, Stantonville.

#### Circuit Court Proceedings

The January term of circuit court convened Monday morning at 10 o'clock, with Judge Richard B. Baptist presiding. W. K. Abernathy, attorney-general, John F. Dillon, sheriff, and J. B. Graham, clerk, were present to do their respective duties in conducting the court.

Judge Baptist soon had a grand jury organized and delivered his charge to them by which they were to fulfill their duties as jurors. Those serving as grand jurors were:

J. H. Hill, foreman for the ensuing two years.

B. R. Banks, J. Q. Ingram, J. F. Hurley, clerk, S. L. Meek, H. A. Weaver, J. D. Cheshire, Geo. Cobb, E. W. Carothers, W. H. James, Isaac Crowe, W. D. Gibson, Will Wall.

The following citizens composed the Travis jury:

Newt Hill, Henry Wilson, Ed Wagoner, Steve Kirkpatrick, U. N. Bullman, Ernest Ledbetter, Millard Lott, H. L. Archer, Albert Pittman, Brown Gatlin, Alex Milford, A. M. Green.

Following is a list of the cases disposed of:

#### CIVIL DOCKET

I. L. Sipes vs L. R. Lockman, appeal; judgment for \$20.00 and costs.

I. L. Sipes vs W. T. Pigott, appeal; dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

E. D. Browder vs John Boshart, appeal; verdict for defendant.

A. W. Smith vs Tom Ingle, appeal; case dismissed at cost of defendant.

Same vs same, with same order of dismissal.

#### CRIMINAL DOCKET

State vs Joe Walker, violating age of consent; not guilty by consent of attorney general.

State vs Clay Westbrooks, larceny; not guilty by consent of attorney general.

State vs Hubert Cox, d. p. w., not guilty.

State vs Jack Hurley, transporting liquor; not guilty.

State vs Joe Caldwell, p. d., submitted and fined \$25.00 and costs.

State vs Leon Howell, assault and battery; fined \$50.00.

State vs C. B. Steadman, p. d., not guilty.

Judge Baptist has a prompt and satisfactory manner of dispatching business in his court, and is one of the most popular and capable judges ever elected to this circuit.

All court attachées did excellent service, and the number of bills returned by the grand jury could not have been many, for liquor is so scarce that law violations are now a rarity.

#### Stantonville Items

John Alexander and Miss Bertie McKenzie were married Sunday morning at the home of the bride in the presence of a few friends. They honored their many friends with a supper Monday night. We extend them our congratulations.

Carlis Hendrix and wife of Bethel Springs, spent the week-end with Mrs. Hendrix' parents, J. O. Hoover and wife.

E. G. Sanders, Jr., has been sick for several days.

Miss Cloyce Jones, who is attending school at Jackson, spent the week-end at home.

Rev. Melton filled his appointment at the Methodist church Sunday.

We are glad to have Mrs. Maggie Adams back at school after an absence of two weeks.

School is doing fine, with an enrollment of 175 pupils.

J. A. Reddell an aged veteran, died at his home two miles east of Stantonville, Jan. 19.

#### Special Notice

Rev. J. H. Talley, of Henderson, will fill his regular appointment at New Bethel Sunday, 11 a. m. Everybody invited to attend this service.

## Flour and Feedstuff

On account of so much damaged corn, we expect to have a large feed business this Spring and are prepared to carry a complete line of high grade Feeds of all kinds.

We also handle the best Flour made in car lots and will sell you your Flour much cheaper than others.

Our Motto: "Quick Sales and Small Profits"

Call and inspect our line and get our prices.

### ROBINSON GROCERY CO.

SELMER, TENN.

#### Ramer's Page Ad

This week we carry a page ad made up of announcements of the various business concerns of this thriving little town just seven miles south of Selmer.

Ramer has the distinction of having perhaps the largest department store in any town in this section. This mammoth establishment is owned and operated by A. B. Hamm & Co., and is as strong financially as any institution of its kind as there is in the state. J. R. Hamm is the active member of the firm, and his ability to manage a business of such magnitude, places him in the front rank class of men capable of correctly handling big propositions. The various departments are in charge of salespeople who are at all times on the job of giving customers courteous and prompt service and that for every purchase made in their respective departments they get value received for money spent.

There isn't a better high school in the county to its size than the Ramer High School, of which C. L. Majors is principal, and under him are a number of trained and thorough working teachers. The citizens as a whole co-operate with the faculty in everything that will make the school better.

Another big concern in Ramer is the firm of J. W. Robinson & Son, grain, and livestock breeders and dealers. They ship car after car of grain, hay, fine hogs

and cattle. The finest specimen of the registered big type Poland China hog, is a specialty in which they excel, and Holstein and Jersey thoroughbred cattle are included in making Ramer a livestock center.

The best equipped blacksmith and woodwork shop doing quality work in all its branches is also located at Ramer, and John R. Dancer is its owner and proprietor, and has the reputation of being a master of the mechanical craft in plying his trade.

Two of the completest establishments in a town the size of Ramer are S. R. Chamber's barber shop which is equipped with baths, running water and electric lights, and in this shop work is done by No. 1 barbers. McMahan & Lawson's garage and picture, which also houses Lo Petree's Delco-Light headquarters, is a model garage so arranged as to turn out work that will come up to the strictly first-class rate.

T. O. Carman's insurance card also appears on this page, and he represents a company whose reputation for upright dealings has long been established.

Now, if at any time you feel that a touch of genuine hospitality will do you good, Ramer is the place to go and the trip may teach a fellow the benefits to be derived from the co-operative spirit manifested by Ramer citizens.

Lots of fine folks in and around Ramer, and a big bundle of Independents go there each week.

## ATTENTION

### EX-SERVICE MEN are entitled to Free Dental Treatment

FOR FULL PARTICULARS, SEE

Dr. Wm. ROSS CARTER, Dentist

Office Over First National Bank, Selmer, Tenn.